

## Folkestone Town Council

### MINUTES of the Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting of the Folkestone Town Council held virtually on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 6.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ann Berry, Abena Akuffo-Kelly (joined at 18.04), Paul Bingham, Peter Gane, Michelle Keutenius, Jonathan Graham, David Horton, Ray Field, Dylan Jeffrey, Mary Lawes, Connor McConville, Jackie Meade, Belinda Walker (joined at 18.02), Richard Wallace and Roger West.

**In attendance:** Jennifer Childs (Town Clerk) and Georgina Wilson – Executive Assistant. District Councillor John Collier.

#### 1770. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Nicola Keen due to a bereavement,  
Councillor Tim Prater due to other Council commitments.

#### 1771. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

#### 1772. MINUTES

Council was asked:

1. To receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and to authorise the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F:13, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

2. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

#### 1773. SPECIAL MOTION

Pursuant to Standing Order 7a the Town Clerk has received a formal written notice to rescind the following resolutions regarding the abolition of the Grants Committee, seeking a return to the status quo specifically the distribution of Town Grants via a Grants Committee from the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

1746a.NOTICE OF MOTION  
(Full Council 12/11/20)

**RESOLVED:** That Council abolish the Grants Committee following the expenditure of the 20/21 budget.

*From 2021/22 all grants will be awarded via a Councillor Community Grant Scheme with a budget of £34,200 divided equally between the town councillors i.e. £1,900 each.*

*Applicants may make a maximum of two applications during the financial year but the total award to any applicant via any combination of grants or funding must not exceed £2,500 and the Councillor Community Grant budget must be spent within the financial year and not rolled over.*

*As, Folkestone Town Council is governed by s.101 of the Local Government Act 1972, which states that if the Council does not exercise a function itself it can only be delegated to a Committee, a Sub-Committee, or Officer as individual Councillors have no statutory authority to make a decision, all applications via the Councillor Community Grant Scheme will be processed and approved by the Town Clerk.*

Proposed: Councillor David Horton  
Seconded: Councillor Connor McConville  
Voting: F:9 Ag:8, Ab:0

145. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM FULL COUNCIL  
(Grants Committee 21/01/21)

*RESOLVED: That Report G/21/278 be received, noted and the new policy documents and forms approved; and that the Grant Committee recommends Full Council adopt the new policy documents and forms effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.*

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville  
Seconded: Councillor Roger West  
Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

Councillor David Horton requested a recorded vote.

Proposed: To rescind the resolutions and reinstate the Grants Committee.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane  
Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry  
Voting: F:6 Ag:8, Ab:1

The motion was lost.

For:  
Cllr Ann Berry  
Cllr Peter Gane  
Cllr Dylan Jeffrey  
Cllr Mary Lawes  
Cllr Roger West  
Cllr Richard Wallace

Against:  
Cllr Abena Akuffo-Kelly  
Cllr Paul Bingham  
Cllr Michelle Keutenius  
Cllr Jonathan Graham  
Cllr David Horton  
Cllr Connor McConville  
Cllr Jackie Meade  
Cllr Belinda Walker

Abstention:  
Cllr Ray Field

As the motion was lost, Grants will be considered by Full Council using the 2020/21 Town Grant forms requiring all Councillors to submit a score against the five categories, for a trial period with a review in 2022.

**1774. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Annual Statutory Meeting - Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The meeting ended at 6.25 pm

.....Town Mayor

..... Date